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1. SUBSEQUENT TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEWS ARTICLE CONTAINED IN REFTEL, A PETITION FOR AN AUGMENTATION OF SIXTH FLEET VISITS TO VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-MER WAS PRESENTED TO AMCONSUL NICE BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON JULY 30, 1976.

2. THE TEXT OF THE COVERING LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

MR CONSUL: I HAVE THE HONOR TO SOLLICIT YOUR INTERVENTION WITH THE INTERESTED AUTHORITIES IN ORDER THAT WARSHIPS OF THE US NAVY SIXTH FLEET MAKE MORE FREQUENT CALLS IN OUR SPLENDID BAY. AS A CERTAIN HOTEL OWNER (.) (SIC)

OF OUR CITY IS IN

OPPOSITION TO SUCH PORT CALLS, WE ARE ENCLOSING WITH OUR LETTER A PETITION SIGNED BY THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE OWNERS OF FISHING ENTERPRISES. IN OUR OPINION, IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE PRESENCE OF SAILORS IN OUR CITY IS BENEFICIAL. LARGE AND SMALL NAVAL SHIPS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. WE THANK YOU AND HOPE THIS LETTER WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

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3. JOINED TO THE LETTER WAS A PETITION SIGNED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF 76 RPT 76 COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES IN THE CITY OF VILLEFRANCHE.

4. A SIMILAR PETITION FOR AN INCREASE IN VISITS BY WARSHIPS OF THE FRENCH NAVY HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT GISCARD D ESTAING.

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